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DEPARTMENT FOR MENTER (IO/EX) AND CONDAYAN (A)

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT

REF: CONDAYAN/MENTER/SORENSEN TELECON 4-4-77

1. FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, MISSION OFFICERS PERSON-
ALLY VISITED GALLATIN HOUSE YESTERDAY TO REVIEW ADEQUACY OF THE
FACILITIES. ALTHOUGH SITUATION IS AS DESCRIBED IN BERN'S 1394,
WE NEVERTHELESS ANTICIPATE THAT THERE COULD BE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
OF CONGESTION IN PARKING, ARRANGING PROPER COMMUNICATION FAC-
ILITIES AND COPING WITH PROBLEMS OF THE WORKING DINNER, ALTHOUGH
OUTSIDE CATERING SERVICES COULD, OF COURSE, BE ARRANGED.

2. ASSUMING THAT SWISS SENSIBILITIES WOULD NOT BE OFFENDED BY
CHANGING TO ANOTHER SITE -- A POINT UPON WHICH AMEMBASSY BERN
MIGHT WISH TO COMMENT -- MISSION GENEVA RECOMMENDS, IN
IN PRIORITY ORDER, THE FOLLWOING FACILITIES:

A. HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL, 9 PETIT SACONNEX
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B. HOTEL LA RESERVE, 301 ROUTE DE LAUSANNE
C. GALLATIN HOUSE, (LE SAUGY), 2 RUE DU VILLAGE, GENTHOD
D. GENEVA COINTRIN AIRPORT

3. HOTELS INTERCONTINENTAL AND LA RESERVE EACH HAVE ALL THE
REQUIRED FACILITIES OUTLINED IN REFTELCON. THE GALLATIN
HOUSE AND AIRPORT WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE ADJUSTMENTS AND

OUTSIDE CATERING SERVICES TO SUPPORT MEETING AND WORKING DINNER, AND, IN OUR VIEW, WOULD STILL LACK MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. BOTH HOTELS HAVE THE NECESSARY FURNISHING, FACILITIES AND STAFF TO ACCOMMODATE MEETING. MISSION NOT AWARE OF ANY LABOR PROBLEMS AT EITHER LOCATION (A AND B).

4. DEPARTMENT (S/S-EX) MAY HAVE FILE OF PREVIOUS VISITS TO GENEVA WHICH THEY HAVE SUPPORTED AND WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL TO YOU; SUGGEST YOU CONTACT S/S-EX OFFICER JAMES MORAN FOR DETAILS.

5. ESTIMATED MOTORCADE DRIVING TIMES FROM THE AIRPORT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL - 5 MINUTES
- B. HOTEL LA RESERVE - 6 MINUTES
- C. GALLATIN HOUSE - 8 MINUTES

6. IF AGREEABLE TO USING THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE THE MISSION TO MAKE TENTATIVE RESERVATION AT THIS TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL ONES DESIRED, TO INSURE THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE WHEN REQUIRED (FLOOR PLANS MAY BE ON FILE IN S/S-EX):

- A. PRESIDENTIAL SUITE (1814)
- B. SMALL MEETING ROOM (1803)
- C. LARGE MEETING ROOM FOR POSSIBLE WORKING DINNER (18TH FLOOR)
- D. TWO ADJOINING ROOMS FOR SECRETARIAT, ONE FOR THE OFFICERS AND THE OTHER SECRETARIES (1810-11).

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- E. TWO ADJOINING ROOMS FOR SENIOR STAFF OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES (1807-08)
- F. CONTROL ROOM FOR SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS (1809).
- G. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL ROOM (1702).
- H. PRESS AREA (VOLTAIRE ROOM, GROUND FLOOR).

7. IF ABOVE CONSIDERED TOO CONGESTED ON THE 18TH FLOOR, THE SECRETARIAT AND OFFICES COULD BE LOCATED ON THE 17TH FLOOR.

8. MISSION FORWARDING BY COMMERCIAL AIR INTERCONTINENTAL AND LA RESERVE FLOOR PLANS.SORENSEN

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